



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Engineer and General Manager,
County Sanitation Districts

At its meeting held January 17, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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James Stahl, Chief Engineer and General Manager of the County Sanitation Districts, Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, Director of Public Health, and Stan Wisniewski, Director of Beaches and Harbors, provided the Board with a brief update on the status of cleanup and containment of the sewage spill which occurred in Manhattan Beach on the morning of Sunday, January 15, 2006.

Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“On Sunday, a major sewage spill occurred in Manhattan Beach forcing the closure of beaches stretching from Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

“The Sanitation District reported the discharge of approximately 2 million gallons of sewage. Although most of the discharge did not enter the ocean, unfortunately at least several hundred thousand gallons did go in to the water.

“I would like to know the causes of this accident and am requesting a report back on actions taken by the Sanitation District to prevent this from happening again.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board instructed the Chief Engineer and General Manager, County Sanitation Districts to:

1. Report back to the Board in two weeks the causes of the failure resulting in the massive sewage spill in Manhattan Beach on Sunday, January 15, 2006; and

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2. The corrective actions to be taken to prevent this kind of spill from reoccurring on the County's Coastline; and
3. Coordinate with the Directors of Beaches and Harbors and Health Services to report back on the status of the beach cleanup efforts, and on when the beaches can be safely reopened to the public.

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